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Memorandum for Secretary of War.

(Off. M. S. (44-))

In connection with the case of General Miles, I suggest that you merely scan the attached papers, particularly page 3 of the carbon sheets. It will give you some idea of the tremendous organization that Miles has gotten under way, and the page 3 referred to will give you an idea of the "positive intelligence" matters for which he has been gathering data and regarding which Mr. Hoover makes one of his objections.

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Chief of Staff.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION G-2
WASHINGTON

February 4, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

Subject: Activities of the
Military Intelligence Division

I. By your verbal direction, the following is submitted:

1. Administration

a. Finance. Disbursement of confidential and regular funds for all intelligence activities including War Department and all foreign attache offices. (\$1,500,000 FY 1941).

b. Personnel. Military Intelligence Reserve and commissioned and enlisted personnel of G-2. Answers and classifies hundreds of applications weekly for military or civilian work in intelligence activities. Many letters from high Government officials and Congress.

c. Translation. Work for the entire War Department.

d. Records and Mail. Files of all confidential papers, including subversive and sabotage cases, thousands of personnel investigations for loyalty, FBI and all military attache and intelligence reports. 1200 papers handled daily, with 8,000 entries on cross reference cards. 2,500,000 index cards maintained. Mail for all Military Attaches and M.I.D. sorted and handled.

2. Intelligence

a. Collection of military information--both encyclopedic and situational--on the combat, economic, political and psychologic phases of the military situation, present and prospective, throughout the world and in time for us to prepare it for use. Supervision of the operations of our military attaches and observers and of the New York office which contacts firms and others dealing in foreign affairs. Gathers information from Americans abroad.

b. Collation of this information into comprehensive digests of evaluated data whereby the fighting capacities and intentions of all peoples and the military characteristics of their territories are known to us ahead of time. This results in the preparation of handbooks and surveys on probable theaters of operation without which our troops would lack information essential to them.

c. Dissemination of this information in various forms, to include adequate and timely data on new foreign weapons, devices and methods that otherwise might deprive us of tactical and technical superiority. In doing this the Branch coordinates the Intelligence Sections of the several arms and services preoccupied with the minutiae of their specialities.

d. Action. The Branch represents the enemy both in his powers and in his vulnerabilities.

3. Counterintelligence

a. Plant Protection. Liaison between F.B.I., Office of the Under Secretary of War, Procurement Services and Corps Areas on matters pertaining to plant protection, including priorities for plant surveys for protection against sabotage and espionage; applications from industries for employment of aliens; investigation of such aliens as is deemed necessary; labor situation in industry; evaluation and dissemination of all information pertaining to situations which might interfere with the procurement program.

b. Domestic Intelligence. Surveillance and investigation to insure loyalty of personnel under War Department control (uniformed and civilian) through counter subversive system; current estimate of the subversive situation within the United States.

c. Safeguarding Military Information. Responsibility for policies, regulations, and supervisory measures relative to safeguarding military information, including supervision of Signal Intelligence Service; military censorship planning; preparation of certain manuals for National Censorship.

d. Counter Fifth Column Plan. Supervision of decentralized planning in accordance with the War Department plan.

e. Review of Proposed Legislation affecting internal security.

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4. Plans, Training and Maps

a. Plans. Coordination and review for G-2 coverage of all mobilization and war plans, tables of organization and defense projects. Preparation of G-2 unit plan.

b. Training. Preparation of MI manuals and of MID Army Extension Courses. Review of all regulations and manuals having a bearing on military intelligence, including combat intelligence training.

c. Maps. Policies governing maps and mapping, procurement and distribution of maps. Coordination of Engineer and Air Corps mapping activities, including all photo mapping in foreign countries. Review of all regulations and manuals concerned with maps and mapping. Supervision of the War Department Map Collection. Liaison with other map-concerned agencies of the Government.

5. Liaison. Contact with State Department. Selection and training of officers for duty as military attaches or assistants and for military missions and language officers abroad. Administration of American Military Attaches and Missions abroad. Contact with foreign Military and Air Attaches, military students and visitors in the United States. Coordination of the exchange of data with British Empire Missions here, including authorization for their members (over 1,000) to visit military establishments and plants critical to national defense. Arrangements for official entertainments of Chief of Staff and other War Department officials.

6. Publications. In addition to mimeographs on summaries of events, tentative lessons on the war, etc., the publications prepared by MID are very numerous, as indicated in the 5 page list attached herewith.

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